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## Marconi set to dominate awards

Marconi is likely to dominate the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA) award in Adelaide tomorrow (Thursday).

Four players from the PSL champion side — Mark Jankovic, Eddie Krcevic, Peter Sharne and Ivo Prskalo — are strongly in the running for the Player of the Year award.

Previous winners have been Ken Boden (Newcastle KB United) in 1978 and Jimmy Rooney (then Marconi) in 1977.

Marconi coach Les Scheinflug is hot favorite for the Coach of the Year award, won last year by Gerry Chadli (Sydney City) and in 1977 by Rale Rasic (then Marconi).

Scheinflug's strongest competition comes from Alan Vest of KB United, Nereo Saitich of Brisbane City and Manny Poulikakis of Heidelberg United.

Leading candidates for the best under-21 player award are Greg Woodhouse, goalkeeper of APIA, Charlie Villani of Adelaide City and Peter Raskopoulos of Sydney Olympic, which is seeking readmission to the PSL.

Tony Boskovic of NSW and Don Campbell of South Australia appear to have the best chance of winning the Referee of the Year award.

Marconi players are likely to form the bulk of the ASPA Team of the Year. Jankovic, Krcevic, Sharne and Prskalo have an excellent chance of being included. Others in the running for the team include Martyn Crook (West Adelaide), Greg Woodhouse (APIA), Tony Henderson (Marconi), Eddie Thompson (Sydney City), Jimmy Rooney, Jim Campbell (Heidelberg), Steve Perry, George Potter (Brisbane City), John Nyskohus, Bobby Russell (Adelaide City), Roy Drinkwater and Ken Boden (KB United).

A suggestion is expected to be made that the voting system for the awards be changed next year.

It will be proposed that 3-2-1 votes for every game be submitted on a weekly basis. At the moment, all voting is done at the end of the season.

The ASPA, which started the Australian Player of the Year awards, was formed by a



small group of writers at the Riverside Inn Hotel, Melbourne, on July 25, 1974.

Present at the meeting were: Jim Barker, Jim Bakatsoulas, Jim Cook, Elias Donoudis, Stephen Kalus, Nick Kitsakis, Stan Stacey, Fred Willers and Laurie Schwab.

Barker was the first president and Kalus the first secretary — positions they still hold.

The formation of a similar association in Sydney followed the birth of the Melbourne body. Then came new groups in Brisbane, Adelaide, Newcastle and Canberra.

All are autonomous but connected loosely under the name Australian Soccer Press Association.

The ASPA and the PSL thank the following for helping to stage the third national presentation night: TAA, Umbro International, Dunlop, Wedgewood, Goldair Travel, News Ltd., Adelaide's Trophy House, Radio 5DN, Savings Bank of South Australia, 'Soccer World' and Philips Industries Holdings Pty. Ltd.



Peter Sharne — one of the Marconi stars in the running for the Australian Player of the Year award.

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## PROMOTERS RAKE IN \$130,000 ON HISTORIC COSMOS MATCH

# And now: Juventus, Liverpool

By LAURIE SCHWAB

A company called International Artists has dragged Australian soccer into a new era of glitter, tinsel and show biz hype.

By drawing 43,000 paying customers to the Australia v New York Cosmos match in Sydney last week, International Artists showed that soccer can be marketed in the same way as hamburgers, fried chicken and movie stars.

Ralph Lynch, head of the promotions company, would not disclose the profit made on the match but it is believed to be \$130,000.

The 43,000 paying spectators parted with a total of about \$290,000. The promoters paid the Socerers a \$15,000 match fee, and gave a percentage of

the take as rental of the ground, and must have spent close to \$100,000 on publicity and promotion.

International Artists were employed by Adelaide City to promote the match in Adelaide last Sunday, with the result that about 23,000 people turned up.

This is only the start of International Artists' involvement in soccer.

Mr Lynch revealed after the game in Sydney that his company may link up with Adelaide City to bring Italian club Juventus to Australia next year.

He said he also wants to promote matches by Liverpool here.

"The ultimate would be to bring the full England international team to Australia but that may prove too difficult," Mr Lynch said.

However, it is unlikely that the ASF will agree to allow International Artists to continue promoting international matches on the same terms as those for the Cosmos game.

The ASF would demand a much bigger cut of any future cakes.

Alternatively, the ASF may be willing to employ International Artists to market matches staged by the ASF.

coming to Australia to play in Melbourne, so I rang up Johnny Warren who was mentioned in the article.

"I had a gut feeling that it could work, so I got in touch with them, made the deal, and here we are."

It was the Victorian Soccer Federation, through its chairman Michael Weinstein, that made the first approach to the Cosmos, signing them up for the match against Victoria.

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• Ray Richards

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'PANIC DECISION... I can't see much hope'

# Ray Richards hits out over Wallace appointment



Phil O'Connor — from St. George to APIA for \$9000.



Peter Beggs — from Sutherland to St. George.



John Davies (left) — from Canberra to St. George for \$12,500. Saints brothers John (centre) and Rob O'Shea (right) may replace him at Canberra.

Willie Wallace, the Scottish international and former Glasgow Celtic midfielder, will be full-time coach of APIA Leichhardt next season.

APIA president Nick Papallo said Wallace, who played with the Leichhardt team between 1975-77, would sign a contract soon and would arrive in Sydney early in the New Year.

The decision to appoint Wallace is a slap in the face for Ray Richards who coached APIA for most of the 1979 season after the resignation of Jim Adam, and had been re-appointed for the 1980 season.

He described the club's action of hiring Wallace as a 'panic decision.'

"The administration saw what happened to Sydney Olympic and made a quick decision without putting much thought into it," said the disappointed Richards.

"There's no value in having a full-time coach when the players are part-time, and when there's little else to do. It's a crazy situation."

Richards said the club had planned for him to be in charge in 1980 and for a professional coach to be introduced in 1981 when a development scheme to be run in local schools would necessitate a full-time coach.

"The development scheme isn't organised, so there's nothing for a full-time coach to do except sit around and wait for the players to finish work and arrive for training at night," Richards said.

"This sort of decision is typical of Australian clubs. The administrations have no knowledge of football, and the game suffers as a result. I can't see much hope under the existing set-up."

Richards said he had rejected APIA's offer to be general manager and that he would probably 'give football a break'.

However, he still will lead APIA on a tour of Italy in December and will be in charge of the APIA youth team which will compete in a tournament in Italy in February.

Richards said he had asked Wallace to be on the look-out for a mid-fielder and a striker to bring to Australia.



By KYLE PATTERSON

"I would like to sign two good players from overseas and Sebastian Giampaolo from Inter Monaro," said Papallo. "The club is talking to Giampaolo at the moment."

APIA's first major signing to strengthen the team for next season was Phil O'Connor, the St. George and Australian international winger.

O'Connor cost APIA \$9,000, the amount stipulated in his contract with St. George.

The former Luton Town forward cost St. George \$9,000 when he transferred from Wollongong in 1977. The Saints released O'Connor after a dispute over payments.

St. George believed if it met O'Connor's demands, other players in the club would ask for similar rises, leading the club into financial trouble.

The Saints now are reported to be on the verge of signing John Davies from Canberra City for \$12,500.

St. George signed Peter Beggs from Sutherland recently but John and Rob O'Shea are reported to be moving from St. George to Canberra.

Papallo added several APIA players would be put on the transfer list to make way for the new players.

The only player who officially has left APIA is costly Italian import Rosario Rampanti. He is now playing in the Italian Second Division and will not return to APIA.

During his stormy stay with the club, Rampanti was reported to be receiving \$1000 a game.

Mr Papallo said that APIA was not interested in signing Essendon Croatia striker Tommy Cumming, and denied allegations that the club tried to poach him.

"APIA has a policy never to contact a player without permission," he said. "There's no substance to the charges that we tried to poach Cumming."

Papallo added that the club was working hard to improve Lambert Park, APIA's home ground for 1980.

"The PSL informed us several alterations and improvements were needed before Lambert Park would be suitable," said Papallo. "The playing surface, changing rooms, Press box and referee's room all have been upgraded to meet the requirements. They are the bare necessities, but the large-scale work of building grandstands still is in the planning stage."

"However, I expect our crowds to increase because of our move back to Lambert Park, which is local for our supporters."

The PSL also has directed APIA to change its name. Mr Papallo said the club's members would have a say in this decision.

"At this stage, nothing is firm," said Papallo. "However, Lambert Park Rangers and Leichhardt Inter are two names that seem to be popular."

APIA's senior players will tour Italy in December for games against top clubs. Ray Richards said he would like to have a few guest players in his squad.

"I contacted Joe Picioane of Footscray but it's up to Tony Kovac and his club's committee," said Richards. "Naturally, I'd like to have Joe on the tour."

Richards said he also would like to have several guest players in the APIA youth team for the February tour.

"Darryn Moulis of Canberra City has asked me if he could be in the squad," said Richards. "I'll be sitting down with the tour's organiser Frank Avati and deciding which players we would like to take."

"The problem is that many clubs want their players for pre-season training in February."



Willie Wallace at work in a shoe shop during his last stint with APIA. He will be full-time coach next year.

## Raelene Boyle, Cosmos raffle at benefit game

A quality Mitre soccer ball, autographed by the superstars of the New York Cosmos, will be raffled during the Terry Luckhurst benefit game at B. T. Connor Reserve, Reservoir (Vic.), on Sunday, November 18.

Two Le Cop Sportif track-suits also will be raffled, with all proceeds and gate receipts from the match, going into a fund to aid Terry Luckhurst and his family.

Luckhurst, the former Juventus, Ringwood City and Box Hill star, tragically has been made an invalid by the disease motor neurona.

Australian Olympic Games hero Raelene Boyle will kick off the game. The anticipated kick-off time is 3 pm. Soccer Action' hopes to have the official kick-off time in the last issue for 1979 next week.

The benefit game will bring together some of Australia's great players in a PSL All-Star V. Preston Makedonia clash.

The PSL will be represented by the following players: goal-

keepers — Jack Reilly, Peter Laumets; defenders — Mike Pye, Jim Kondaros, Alan Davidson, Pat Bannon; midfielders — Jim Campbell, Joe Picioane, Peter Ollerton; forwards — Atti Abonyi, Alan Evans, Branko Butjevic and George Campbell.

Four of those players appeared in the 1974 World Cup semi-finals and six others have represented Victoria.

Abonyi (Sydney Croatia), Butjevic (Heidelberg), Ollerton (Footscray JUST) and Reilly (Juventus Melbourne), played for Australia against West Germany, East Germany and Chile in the World Cup finals.

Laumets, Pye, Davidson, Campbell (South Melbourne), Kondaros and Picioane (Footscray) have represented Victoria.

Add to this list Evans (South Melbourne), a former star of Liverpool, Bannon, a Rothmans Medal winner and Jim Campbell (of Heidelberg), perhaps the best attacking midfielder in the country, and you have a dazzling team!

Preston Makedonia is likely to have Macedonian stars Mendo Ristovski and Zoran Iloski for the big game. This should please Preston's supporters, who usually have only one Macedonian — Ljubo Petrovski. In the team, they have all their first team players available, except for left-back Steve Beech, who is returning to England for a holiday in early November.

Preston manager Tony Vrzina said he may use the game to try a few players he would like to sign for the 1980 season.

## City shifts

Sydney City will move to Sydney Sports Ground or the modernised Marks Athletic Field next year.

Wentworth Park, Sydney City's home ground for the past 18 years, is about to be closed for work on a new grandstand.



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## Group of companies set to push soccer



Sir Arthur George

"I think we have to stop playing around. We are in big business. We have to get down to market the game professionally. The Cosmos match must have proved that."

The companies will be identified at a Press conference on November 27.

On November 19, FIFA officials and representatives of the sponsor companies had been established to sponsor the Socceroos' World Cup campaign and the World Youth Championship to be played in Australia in 1981.

Among those present will be Patrick Nally, principal of the English company co-ordinating the total sponsorship, Sepp Blatter, secretary of the World Youth Championship committee and Paul Barron of Coca-Cola in Atlanta U.S.

The PSL probably will appear to companies to concentrate exclusively on match marketing. This company could be International Artisan. An advertising agency, public relations company and general marketing company also may be retained.

On November 19, FIFA officials and representatives of the sponsor companies will meet at the Socceroos' World Cup campaign and the World Youth Championship to be played in Australia in 1981.

Manager of the touring team would be Ron Greenwood, he added.

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## England to bring '76 internationals'

The English FA squad to play against Australia next June will comprise 16 full internationals, PSL president Sir Arthur George said on his return from overseas last week.

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## Oceania Cup doubt

AUCKLAND — The Oceania Cup tournament, scheduled for Noumea in September, looks certain to be postponed until February next year.

Travel problems already have ruled Australia out and New Zealand now finds itself in the same situation.

The tournament, between

countries in the South Pacific basin comprising a geographical group of soccer's world body FIFA, could proceed minus New Zealand and Australia.

But it would mean nothing without Oceania's two strongest football playing nations.

The new dates for the tournament suggested here are February 22 to March 3.

## ONE TO GO

Next week's issue will be our last of the decade. As usual, "Soccer Action" goes into recess for the summer



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And this time, Zoran in the very smart Jeans 'N' Stuff gear.

# Cosmos antiques, Koreans better than Aussies

While the Socceroos' and Cosmos' respective gurus, Rudi Gutendorf and Professor Julio Mazzei, were all smiles and handshakes when coming face-to-face after the match, there was a whiff of acid in the air.

Take Rudi for example: "Cosmos have world star names, but they are playing an antique system."

And the rejoinder from the Professor: "The Australians are aggressive, but the South Koreans have a much better team."

Ironically, there is a large measure of truth in both those statements.

The Cosmos are rapidly approaching a stage in their existence where they will be recognised as a collection of footballing antiques; albeit a glittering and often enter-taining collection.

They couldn't be accused of not wanting to win, or taking the match in a half-hearted fashion, as many European and British visiting sides to these shores do.

However, for many of them this keenness surfaced in the form of desperation, crude and dirty tactics, when the ball wasn't running their way.

On the Showground turf Beckenbauer, when shadowed by a useful but far from world class Steve Perry, was non-existent.

Carlos Alberto spent most of his time stationary or walking around at a leisurely pace.

Past skills showed up in the occasional magnificent pass, but tackling, harassment and shadowing were almost completely absent from his repertoire.

As Professor Mazzei, coach, manager, technical director and, one suspects, father confessor of Cosmos, admitted afterwards: "There will be changes next year; Beckenbauer and Carlos Alberto have only one more year of play left in them and three of my assistants are scouring Europe, Latin America and the USA for new blood right now."

"The Australians were aggressive, fast, gave us no room to move and we could use some of these boys in America.

"Jimmy Rooney is a veteran, but knows all; there is to know about the game, while young Woodhouse was also very impressive."

"We, of course, missed the injured Tuera and Neeskens on the day," he said.

That left the likes of Seninha, Morais, Beckenbauer, Carlos Alberto and a few others for Cosmos to struggle along with if they don't behave.

The Socceroos should have such problems!

As for our own Rudi, he conceded the point about the South Koreans fast developing into the bogey team among our World Cup rivals, the team naughty young soccer players are told will come and get them if they don't behave.

"The Koreans have a fanatical pride in their country and will give their all for the national team," Gutendorf said.

The Australians' coach congratulated his charges for a "one hundred percent effort" and then went on to praise himself deservedly so.

"I had the guts to take the chance of conceding several goals against an accomplished team, so that we can go out



Rudi Gutendorf



Julio Mazzei

## FIREWORKS, SKYDIVERS

The promotional activities at the game provided a slight pointer to the future.

There was fun, entertainment, fireworks, skydivers.

The promoters didn't have to do this. The crowd was already in place, having paid its money.

The only imponderable was whether the match would be a good'un or a flop.

I would like to think that International Artists were thinking ahead.

Give them some fun apart from the match and they will return in future even if Cosmos and the Socceroos don't turn it on."

If that was their thinking I believe they were right!

By Peter Scott  
IN FOCUS



Korean players congratulate Cho Bum Keun, now playing in West Germany, after he had scored against Australia in the 1977 World Cup qualifying match in Sydney. Australia won 2-1 but the present Korean team is rated by the Cosmos as being better than Australia.

## Ralph took the risk while others dithered

Ralph Lynch and his intrepid little band of men and women at International Artists rushed in where all the wise men in NSW refused to — and I hope they've made a mint from their venture.

Professionalism is the word to describe their efforts, even allowing for the few minor mishaps along the way which bedevil any such operation.

The one major shortcoming was the impossibility of proper crowd control at the game.

For that, however, blame successive governments which have failed to provide Sydney with civilised sporting and entertainment facilities!

International Artists in a few short weeks have done probably more to put soccer into the public eye than the ASF has done for the last three years.

Now they stand to make a handsome profit out of it all, and more power to them.

Our soccer administration with the notable exception of Victoria, despite its surfeit of millionaire businessmen, failed to perceive the financial possibilities of the venture — thus soccer missed out on the biggest payday in the game's history in this country.

I hope Ralph, and others like him, continue their interest in sport generally.

There's money to be made out there — and a grateful audience to respond to people who give them what they want!

## Start of a new era or just a curiosity?

Apres Cosmos, le deluge? It would be nice to think so; it would be nice to believe that Australian soccer administrators will learn from the deluge of lessons which have descended upon them.

Because the fact is that the incredibly successful Cosmos v. Socceroos promotion in Sydney can become a starting point for Australia's climb to respectable heights on the soccer scene internationally and a point of departure for a new renaissance of sport in this country.

Equally, it can become nothing more than a streaking comet on the increasingly bleak sky of domestic soccer; here's night, gone forever for the next...

The extraordinary crowd at Sydney's antiquated Showgrounds last week proved several points beyond any doubt.

• The spectator potential is there, out in suburbia, lying dormant, just waiting to reappear again.

• Soccer in Australia can be a money-making enterprise; all that is needed is a bit of imagination and daring in the investment of money.

To take the above points one by one, Cosmos v. Socceroos attracted one of the biggest soccer crowds ever in Australia.

Significantly, this is a season of tumbling attendances in the flagship of the sport, the Philips Soccer League.

The multi-cultural, vibrant, excited throngs last Wednesday drove home in an unmistakable manner the lesson which all those who choose not to substitute dogma and prejudice for clear thinking and planning knew already.

If we want to see great crowds and excitement return to our stadia on a regular basis, the paying customers must be provided with entertainment.

What the entertainment is must coincide with the customers' conception; it is a policy leading to disaster for administrators to arrive at preconceived ideas of what the multitudes should want and then proceed to try to ram it down their throats.

This is what has been happening lately — and we're fast running out of throats.

The ASF hierarchy has its priorities in an unbelievable mess.

They are embroiled in a campaign against what are obviously termed "ethnic clubs"; a campaign which is taking on the proportions of a modern crusade.

This is done on the assumption that such names are the only thing that stand in the way of a huge upsurge in crowd appeal.

Morally this stance is indefensible!

It doesn't make any more sense in practical terms either.

What matters to the man in the street is deciding how to spend the entertainment dollar is how good the entertainment will be.

Cosmos proved this: It wasn't racial purity that drew the tens of thousands to the Showground.

It was the likelihood of a top-notch entertainment by some household names in world soccer.

When the success of Cosmos and some of the other North American clubs is examined, one thing stands out.

Their activities are not based on ideology or some sort of immigrant guilt complex; it's hard-headed business acumen, looking to make a buck and, ipso-facto, setting out to give the people what they want.

Meanwhile the ASF is wasting its time and energy trying to figure out whether Ashfield Olympians is a sufficiently de-ethnicised version of Pan Hellenic-cum-Sydney Olympic.

Cosmos officials Dominic Flora and Professor Julio Mazzei confirmed what I already knew when they told me last week:

"Entertainment comes first with us. We give our crowds what they want."

That is why they are raking in the millions, while the PSL's crowds are shrinking alarmingly.

While Australian soccer is not — and will never be — on the same scale as the American version, the operating principles are the same, or ought to be.

There must be star quality and improving standards throughout the PSL.

The Yanks do it by bringing in the players who can provide the entertainment — we aim to bar them.

If the ASF honestly believes that the best way of improving the standard of the local product is to make it easier for them to make the PSL sides by choking off the flow of good quality imported players, then they are exhibiting proof positive that they don't have the fogdest of notions about what makes a good soccer player.

It certainly won't happen if we artificially depress the standard of the domestic competition.

Dogma reigns supreme once again, apparently.

In the meantime, I defy anyone to show me local talent which can make the Johnny Warrens, John Watkisses, Robert Fekete, Ray Baartzes, Brian Smiths, Clive Thompsons and many, many others of yesteryear.

The significant truth is that these former stars and others like them all emerged at a time when Australian soccer standards were all an upward trend high level, at a time when an Azzopard Cup double-header in Sydney put on parades some dozen and a half European First Division and international players.

The youngsters looked, they learned, they matched the talents of the imports.

Now we are about to lower



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Rudi Gutendorf found the centre backs and the midfield general he had been looking for when Australia scored its memorable 2-1 victory over the New York Cosmos last Wednesday night.

Tony Henderson and Ivo Prskalo are the centre backs and Jimmy Rooney the general.

The Henderson-Prskalo combination from Marconi was the fourth tried out since Gutendorf became coach. The previous ones were: Steve O'Connor-Henderson, Peter Wilson — O'Connor, and Wilson — Stuart Baxter.

Henderson had been used in midfield in previous games against Partizan Belgrade and New Zealand, and he relished his return to defence.

"I like playing centre back. I play much better there," he said after the match.

Indeed, Henderson won everything in the air and stormed forward with the ball continuously. The winning goal he scored near the end was a fitting reward for his effort.

Rooney, back in the national team after a three year absence, was appointed captain for his 85th game in the green and gold.

He was one of the few Australians who could match the illustrious

Laurie Schwab



Cosmos for sheer class. Rooney showed it all — neat ball skill, visionary passes, a few Cosmos-style chips, an opportunist goal and the ability to organise and slow down play when necessary.

It was Rooney who was presented by tennis star John Newcombe with the Man of the Match award, but Henderson and left back Jim Tansey were in the same class.

When Tansey got moving in the second half, the Cosmos ducked for cover. Time and again Tansey stormed up the line and cut the ball back into dangerous goalscoring positions, and it was only bad luck that prevented the chances from being turned into goals.

A total of 36 players has been tried out in the five matches played since Gutendorf was appointed coach. The experimentation process continued when Sydney City full back Kevin Mullen was called up, almost as an afterthought. With Peter Sharne out injured, Mullen was included in the opening team at right back, and Steve Perry who usually plays right back marked Franz Beckenbauer.

Players used in the Australian team this year, with number of appearances indicated, are:

4. Henderson, Jankovic, Woodhouse.

3. Perry, S. O'Connor, Degney, Sharne, Boden, Krnecovic.

2. Barnes, J. O'Shea, Picioane, Souness, Wilson, Byrne, Muniz, Watson, Tansey, Yzendoorn, Davies, Cole, Cumming, Prskalo.

1. Maher, P. O'Connor, Curran, Kosmina, Baxter, Bertogna, Tredinnick, Stevenson, Mullen, Russell, Rooney, J. Nyskohus, Silva.

After all that, there are still positions that are up for grabs, hopefully, they will be filled in China and South Korea next month.

The questions to which Gutendorf will have to find answers are:

• Can Australia afford to play with a full back as adventurous as Mullen, or should it use a tighter marker, like Bobby Russell?

• Who will be Jimmy Rooney's midfield partners? Will Ken Boden and Steve Perry continue playing in the middle, or should Eddie Krnecovic or John Coyne replace one of them?

• With all the talented forwards at his disposal

# HENDERSON,



Antonio Carbognani



Vladislav Bogicevic

**It's settled — Ivo Prskalo (left) and Tony Henderson (middle) are the best centre-back combination for the national team. They're pictured in Marconi colors during a PSL match. In the background is Socceroo striker Mark Jankovics.**

— as effective as he had been in Melbourne.

The Socceroos were generally faster, more determined and more willing to tackle.

One aspect of their game with which I did not agree was that the wingers, Tommy Cumming and John Nyskohus, both operated too wide of central striker Mark Jankovics, with the result that Jankovics always found himself in difficult situations, without support.

Gutendorf's "China squad" was not intact for the Cosmos game, as Gary Cole was unable to get time off from work, and Roberto Echeverria was injured.

Cosmos had bigger problems, as injuries robbed the team of both Johan Neeskens and Dennis Tuart, their replacements were midfielder Antonio Carbognani and forward Gary Ethington.

The Cosmos did not play as well as they had in beating Victoria 3-2 in Melbourne. Franz Beckenbauer, who dropped out of midfield to play centre back in the second half, was much more subdued, although still in a class of his own and most players took noticeable "rests" during the match. Only Seninho was

as effective as he had been to do, and the teams we will meet in the World Cup qualifying series will give us much stiffer competition than the slow, albeit skilful veterans of New York.

Cumming did not start well for Australia. Tansey fouled Ethington and maestro Beckenbauer failed narrowly with the free kick, sending the ball bouncing off the bottom of the post.

Moments later Beckenbauer speared in an incredible through ball into space ahead of Seninho in full flight. Luckily, Greg Woodhouse read the move well, and dashed to the edge of the penalty area where he managed to kick the ball away from Seninho.

The Socceroos' first crowd-pleasing move was a diagonal ground pass by John Nyskohus for Tommy Cumming running in, but goalkeeper Hubert Birkenmeier dashed out to save.

Cumming returned the favor by playing a fine through ball for Nyskohus but this time it was Andranik Eskandarian who got in the way.

Tommy Cumming was opposed by Greg Ryan in the first half but he was to renew the battle he had fought with Eskandarian in Melbourne after half time, when he maintained his practice of remaining on the grandstand wing rather than changing sides.

Nyskohus ran at the defence yet again in the 12th minute, before slipping the ball wide to overlapping Kevin Mullen. Jankovics challenged Birkenmeier for Mullen's cross, which went to unmarked Jimmy Rooney who headed it home neatly from point blank range.

The crowd roared its approval. They had read so much about the millionaire super stars from America, yet our own Socceroos had taken the lead. Remarkable!

Jankovics shot well in the 28th minute, causing Birkenmeier to fumble momentarily before holding the ball at the second attempt.

Woodhouse looked much more confident than Birkenmeier, especially in his willingness to come off the line.

He made an excellent save from Georgio Chinaglia after about 30 minutes, and then Tansey was called upon to block Ethington who was the final link in a chain of passes via Chinaglia and Vladislav Bogicevic.

At the other end, Carlo Alberto made a good clearance after Henderson had dribbled through the defence and launched a strong shot.

Cosmos were pushing



Greg Woodhouse



Eddie Krnecovic

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# ROONEY, TANSEY

## Mighty trio crushes Cosmos

AUSTRALIAN XI 2 (Rooney 20th, Henderson 84th) NEW YORK COSMOS 1 (Chinaglia 75th) at Sydney Showgrounds, crowd about 50,000. Ratings:

AUSTRALIAN XI: Woodhouse 8 - Mullen 7 (Russel 7, 51st), Prskalo 7, Henderson 9, Tansey 9, Boden 7 (Krncevic 83rd), Perry 7 (Picciano 88th), Rooney 9 - Cumming 7, Jankovic 8, Nyskohus 7.

NEW YORK COSMOS: Birkenmeier 7 - Ryan 7, Nelsi Morais 8, Carlos Alberto 7, Eskandarian 7 - Beckenbauer 8, Bogicevic 8, Carbognani 8 - Etherington 7 (Formoso 65th), Chinaglia 7, Seninho 9.

Referee: Tony Boskovic 8.

Cautions: Carbognani (C), Eskandarian (C).

everyone forward in their quest for the equaliser, but were leaving their defence vulnerable to counter-attacks. Rooney started one with an inspired long ball to Steve Perry, standing alone on the half line. Perry took off across 35 metres of open territory, hotly pursued by Nelsi Morais. Perry could have run on into the penalty area but he shot too early, enabling Birkenmeier to punch clear.

But Australia came again and Birkenmeier was forced to fly out to grab a Perry cross, risking injury by Jankovic who was coming in full bore.

The crowd held its breath when Bogicevic suddenly converged on a loose ball inside the penalty area, with only Woodhouse left in front of him. Woodhouse came at him, Bogicevic chipped the ball over, but he lifted it centimetres too high and it flashed over the bar.

Rooney, Henderson and Nyskohus had been the outstanding players for Australia in the first half, while

Seninho, Etherington and Beckenbauer had done good work for the visitors.

Gutendorf made a wise move six minutes after the interval when he replaced Mullen with Russell. Clearly, Seninho had been causing Australia too many problems, and Russell was looked upon to subdue the Portuguese star.

But Seninho quickly escaped. Before Russell had time to warm to his task, Seninho was operating on the opposite wing, against Jim Tansey.

Tansey not only stopped Seninho, but he also became Australia's main driving force in the second half.

Inspired by Tansey's countless gallops, Russell tried one of his own on the right. He got to the line and sent over a menacing cross, which Birkenmeier punched out, straight to lurking Ken Boden who rammed it back low, but wide of goal.

Beckenbauer was playing as sweeper now but Steve Perry was not relieved.

ved of the job of marking him. This resulted in Perry playing as a fourth forward. Carlos Alberto had taken Beckenbauer's place in midfield.

A weaving run by Rooney looked promising but Bogicevic cut him down from behind. The resultant free kick, taken by Henderson, missed narrowly.

Tansey went on a spectacular run past Carlos Alberto, down the flank, and cut the ball back to Nyskohus who shot over the bar.

Eskandarian was shown the yellow card by Tony Boskovic for having fouled Cumming. Again Henderson took the free kick, blasting narrowly over.

Santiago Formoso replaced Etherington in the 65th minute - a surprising move, as Etherington had shown more aggression than the other Cosmos forwards.

Australia continued to attack, with Jankovic dashing to the line and cutting the ball back high to the far side of goal where Cumming hit the ball first-time on the volley, but once again it was too high.

Tansey took off again down the flank and his cut-back found Perry unmarked in the middle of the penalty area but Perry missed from 15 metres.

The Socceroos had wasted so many chances, and finally paid for it when Cosmos moved forward and equalised in the 75th minute.

It started with an inspired long ball by Bogicevic to Carbognani who slipped the ball square for Chinaglia to turn and slam into the net.

Chinaglia had an altercation with Henderson, during which he took a swing at the tall Australian. The swing missed, and Boskovic overlooked the incident but he said later that had it been a league match, he would have sent Chinaglia off.

Australia started its most impressive period when Eddie Krnecic came on for Boden in the 83rd minute.

One minute after the chance, Beckenbauer headed the ball out for a corner. Rooney sent the kick to the near post where Jankovic got his head to it, deflecting the ball over Birkenmeier to Henderson who rose and headed it into the net for the winning goal.

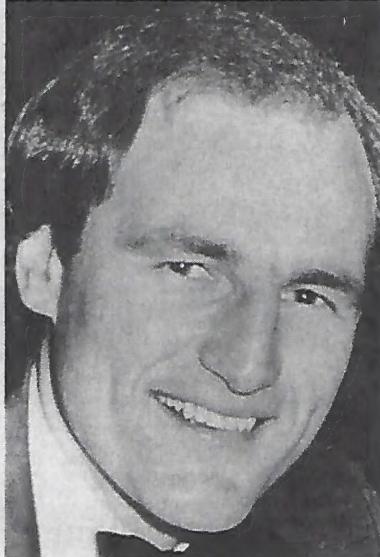
Seconds later, Jankovic broke clear in yet another



Winger Seninho (right) takes on Jim Tansey in the Cosmos v Victoria match in Melbourne. Both were outstanding in the Sydney game.



Hubert Birkenmeier



Jim Tansey

### Crino wins award

Steve Blair, who will play for South Melbourne Hells next season, headed the only goal in the Australian Schoolboys' 1-0 victory over the NSW Youth team in the curtain-raiser at the Sydney Showgrounds last Wednesday.

Oscar Crino of Juventus (Vic) was voted best player of the Schoolboys and Paul Kay of St George was named best man for NSW.

Another outstanding player was the Schoolboys' centre back Charlie Yankos.

Others who impressed included Rob Wheatley, Howard Trindl, Daryl Goch and David Skeen of the Schoolboys and Robbie Drews, Jim Battalico and Brett Woods of NSW.

## WHERE TO SEE THE GAME.

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Ballarat Abraham's Playworld Stores, 211 Mair Street.

Ballarat Toyland, 29 Sturt Street.

Bendigo Bendigo Toyland, 306 Hargreaves Street.

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Baulkham Hills Tago Pty. Ltd., Shop 2, North Hill Plaza.

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Campbelltown Funtasia Toys & Hobbies.

Middletons Toyworld, 256 Queen Street.

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Kempsey Woods Agency, 18 Smith Street.

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Maitland Elphicks Toy & Hobby Centre, 404 High Street.

Manly Manly Toyworld, Shop 5,

Manly Mall Arcade, 74 The Corso.

Mayfield Cornally's Newsagency, 171 Maitland Road.

Miranda Miranda Fair Toyworld, Shop 3, Miranda Fair.

Muswellbrook F. J. Ryan, Bridge Street.

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Newcastle Ray Baartz Sports, 257 Hunter Street.

Port Macquarie R. L. & V. Andrew, Cnr. Horton & Clarence Sts.

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Rose Bay Grants Toys, 517 Old South Head Road.

Springwood Jordans Springwood Toybox, 147 Macquarie Road.

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Sydney Fantastic Toys & Hobbies, 34 Angel Arcade.

Funtasia Toys & Hobbies, George St. Hobbyco, 561 George St.

Tamworth Dandies Toy Centre, 12-13 Centrepoint, 374 Peel Street.

Wallsend Wallace's Newsagency, 126 Nelson Street.

Willoughby Hijinks, 511 Willoughby Road.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

Adelaide The Goal, 38 Twin Street.

Blackwood Presentation & Toyworld, Foodland Shopping Centre, 248 Main Road.

Blair Athol Toy Centre, 462 Main North Road.

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Goodwood Hazels Toyland, 111A Goodwood Road.

Ingle Farm Ingle Farm Gift Centre, Ingle Farm Shopping Centre, Montague Road.

John Martin & Co. Rundle Mall, Elizabeth, Kilkenny, Marion, West Lakes.

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## Roving ambassador of the NASL

THE 1979 vintage Johann Cruyff is mellow, relaxed... but with that same old sparkle of genius.

At 32 Cruyff is revelling in his new role as a roving soccer ambassador in North America.

Though he is contracted to Los Angeles Aztecs — they played Birmingham last night and will be at Chelsea tomorrow — Cruyff does all he can to encourage his sport across the Atlantic.

"I am enjoying my football much better now," he said. "Of

course we still have to play to win. But that is not the big factor. In America we feel that entertainment is just as important and everything we do is geared to this.

"And that can't be a bad thing can it? Maybe we can now teach other countries when it comes to entertainment and marketing the game."

"There is still a lot of hard work to be done in America. We need to go into schools and colleges to set up coaching to get a more stable balance."

"On a more personal basis I am my own man again and

while I can please myself how I tackle the job I get tremendous satisfaction from helping these boys."

Cruyff makes no secret of the fact that he has re-found soccer happiness.

It is so different to our life in Spain when I played for Barcelona.

"Perhaps from a soccer point of view it was more rewarding, but our private life was not so good. We could not go out to a restaurant or even shopping without being mobbed. At first it was all very flattering, but later so frustrating, but my family is happily settled in

America."

Cruyff, who is on a one-year contract with the Aztecs, is planning to continue his soccer crusade.

"At times it is hard but always very rewarding," he said. "But that is the most satisfying part of it all."

There is one thing he doesn't like about North American Soccer.

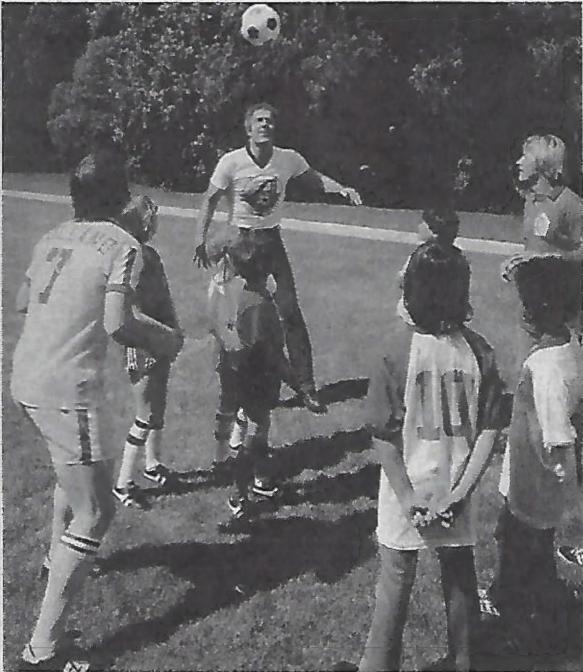
"The Astro Turf pitches are not good," he said.

"It's like playing on a carpet. Soccer was meant to be played on grass. The Astro Turf makes it so much more tiring."



Johann Cruyff, revelling in his new role in American soccer.

## BEST 'NO' TO GREEKS



Actor James Caan practices with a group of junior players at Hugh "Playboy" Hefner's luxurious Holmby Hills estate in Los Angeles. Hefner opened the estate for the young players' get-together with Caan.

## Bayern 'converts' Caan

Film star James Caan has joined the growing ranks of world-famous personalities who support soccer.

Caan says he was "converted" back in 1974 while shooting one of his most popular films, "Rollerball," in Munich.

A German friend took Caan and his co-star Paul Newman to the Munich Olympic Stadium to see Bayern Munich play.

Bayern made an immediate impact on Caan. He admired Bayern's captain Franz Beckenbauer in particular.

Beckenbauer, of course, is now with the New York Cosmos which will tour Australia this month.

From JIM COOK  
Our European Correspondent

George Best, the controversial Irish forward, has turned down an offer to parade his skills in Greek soccer with Panathinaikos.

The offer came after Best indicated he wanted to leave the Los Angeles Aztecs, the NASL club, which had signed the colorful ball wizard on loan from English Second Division club Fulham.

Best's wife, Angela, didn't fancy living in Greece, so Panathinaikos' hopes were washed down the drain.

Manchester City and Plymouth Argyle are two clubs interested in signing Best, who perhaps wants to have one last, final fling at making a successful return to British football.

Dave Watson, the England centre half, who moved from Manchester City to Werder Bremen earlier this season for a mere 100,000 pounds, was unable to settle with his wife and two children and is back home again. Southampton paid a reported 200,000 pounds for his transfer.

Few people are aware that Dave Sexton's father was one of Britain's top middle-weight boxers prior to the Second World War. His father, Archibald Sexton, was a tough and uncompromising fighter. Reports suggest that some of that rubbed off on the Manchester United manager.

Alistair Brown of West Bromwich Albion has been barred from four UEFA club competition games after he was alleged to have struck an opponent in the game against Carl Zeiss Jena.

Top First Division scorer of last season — Frank Worthington of Bolton — is set to move, and the Lancashire club wants only 160,000 pounds, a real bargain.

Bobby Shinton, the Manchester City striker, who was bought from Wrexham early this season for 300,000 pounds, has been forced to manager Malcolm Allison he hasn't a future at the club. Both Spurs and Ipswich may move for Shinton.

Kevin Keegan is likely to stay with Hamburg after his contract expires and will resist astronomical offers from USA.

Constantin Beskov appointed

ed to replace Nikita Simonyan as USSR's coach in August, has resigned. A 1-0 defeat by Greece last month destroyed Soviet hopes of qualifying for the finals of the European Championship.

Derby County has called off the deal with Hajduk Split which was gone through Yugoslavia international goalscorer Ivan Katalinic to Derby for 170,000 pounds. Snags over a work permit have held up the deal and Derby have called it off for technical reasons. Derby County has placed former Manchester United and England winger Gordon Hill on the transfer list. Hill, who cost Derby 270,000 pounds fully 18 months ago, has made only 24 appearances for the club and scored only three goals.

Football League clubs in England have gone through 961 managers since the end of the Second World War. Roughly, it works out about 10 managers per club.

Jimmy Dickinson, general manager of the once-great Portsmouth, has been 34 years with the club during which time he was a long serving player, secretary, scout and team manager until early this year, when he suffered a heart attack. Dickinson played 764 league games for Pompey which is still an English League club record and he represented England 48 times.

Alan Dicks, who played with Chelsea in the Jimmy Greaves era, is the longest serving manager in English League soccer. Dicks has now been with Bristol City 12 years.

Malcolm McDonald, the former Arsenal and England striker who was forced into early retirement through injury, has brought out a book called "Football makes me laugh."

Kenny McNaught, the Aston Villa central defender, who cost the club a big six figure fee from Everton in 1977, has asked for a transfer.

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# RUSSELL FOR COSMOS?



LEFT: Georgie Chinaglia — scored in each of the three matches in Australia, bringing his tour tally to 19.

ABOVE: Dennis Tueart prepares to score Cosmos' first goal. Others pictured, from left are: Vladislav Bogicevic, Gary Marocchi and Agenor Muniz.

BETWEEN: Adelaide City's Agenor Muniz tears after the ball, hotly pursued by Nelsi Morais. Pictures by FRANK HOBBS

## 'We must bring only the best'

### • From page one

The game drew just over 20,000, with about the same promotion given to other touring teams with any sort of reputation.

But the game in Sydney showed that Melbourne too, could have had a bumper crowd with an extensive publicity campaign.

Mr Lynch stressed he was not carried away by the success of his first soccer venture. "To sell something, you must have something to sell," he said. "We must be cautious. We must bring only the best."

The 43,000 paying spectators constitute the seventh-biggest crowd in Australian soccer history.

Police estimated that at least another 7000 gatecrashed — breaking down a door and climbing over fences — which would bring the total figure to 50,000.

This is the third-highest crowd, ranking behind the 102,000 who watched the 1956 Olympic final between the USSR and Yugoslavia, and the 51,566 who attended the NSW v. Everton match in Sydney in 1964.

The partners in International Artists are Ralph Lynch, Ron Kitchin, Christine Fink and Ian Franklin. Former Australian captain Johnny Warren also worked on the Cosmos venture, as did journalist Stephen Blatchford.

### Turks win

VALLETTA — Turkey beat Malta 2-1 (halftime 2-0) in a European championship Group Seven match here.

Scorers — Turkey: Sedat, Mustafa. Malta: Leli Farrugia.

Group Seven standings:

West	Germany	5	2	2	0	7	1	6
Wales	5	3	0	2	1	7	6	5
Turkey	4	2	1	1	4	3	5	5
Malta	5	0	1	4	2	13	7	7

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Franz Beckenbauer turned on another magnificent performance after his relatively quiet game in Sydney, to thrill the large crowd that watched the Cosmos beat Adelaide City 2-0 at the Olympic Sports Field.

"Kaiser" Franz had been best man afield in Cosmos' 3-2 victory over Victoria but his movements were restricted by Steve Perry's close marking in the tourists' 1-2 loss to Australia in Sydney.

Tueart put Cosmos into the lead with a low shot after accepting a brilliant forward pass from Beckenbauer in the 17th minute.

It was a shame that Adelaide City dropped behind so early. The goal must have drained the local players of much of their

confidence.

Cosmos' deadly striker Georgie Chinaglia.

Cosmos coach Prof. Julio Mazzei said after the game, he would recommend to the club that it gives Russell a trial in New York.

Cosmos was back at full strength, with the return of striker Dennis Tueart and midfielder Johan Neeskens, who both missed the Sydney match due to injuries.

These two, as well as Beckenbauer, and attacking defenders Andranik Eskandarian and Nelsi Morais, treated the 23,000 crowd to an exciting display of ball skills.

Tueart put Cosmos into play and Chinaglia slammed it into the net.

ADELAIDE CITY 0 NEW YORK COSMOS 2 (Tueart 17th, Chinaglia 72nd) at Olympic Sports Field, crowd about 23,500.

Ratings by Frank Pangallo.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7 — B. Nyskohus 7, Russell 9, Besir 7, Dodds 7 — Perin 6, Muniz 7, Marocchi 6, Melta 78th) — Kent 6 (Northcote 7, half time), Deans 6, J. Nyskohus 7.

NEW YORK COSMOS: Birkenmeier 8 — Eskandarian 8, Nelsi Morais 8, Carlos Alberto 7, Formoso 7 — Beckenbauer 9, Neeskens 8, Bogicevic 6 (Etherington 74th) — Tueart 7, Chinaglia 6, Seninho 7.

Referee: Don Campbell 9.

coach Rale Rasic restored part of that confidence, and the City men attacked with new verve. Dixie Deans, John Nyskohus, Agenor Muniz and Glen Dodds, all went close to scoring.

But City could find no way past Nelsi Morais and goalkeeper Hubert Birkenmeier, and eventually it was Cosmos who struck with another goal.

into play and Chinaglia slammed it into the net.

Chinaglia had come in for criticism over what appeared to be a lethargic attitude. He did, however, score in each of the three matches Cosmos played in Australia, bringing his tour tally to 19.

In fact, Chinaglia could have snatched two from the Adelaide game, for he put a simple chance over





Peter Sharne



Mark Jankovics



Tommy Cumming (right)



Gary Cole

# FASTEST TEAM YET!

## New captain predicts a bright future for 'Roos.

By KYLE PATTERSON

**Speed — that's the vital, new weapon of Rudi Gutendorf's Socceroos. If the Australian team is to blast its way out of the Asian World Cup qualifying rounds, and into Spain for the 1982 finals, the blistering pace of the side will be the key factor.**

*The man making that judgement is Jimmy Rooney, the pint-sized dynamo who was recently recalled to the Socceroos after a two-year absence.*

*Gutendorf had looked high and low for a general to lead his young team, but soon found there was no one better than Rooney, the 32 year old veteran of 85 international games and two World Cup campaigns.*

Rooney made a triumphant return. He captained the Socceroos to a memorable 2-1 victory over the New York Cosmos in Sydney last week, scored his team's first goal and was deservedly named man of the match.

Soon he will leave for his fourth tour of Asia as a member of the 1979 Australian team, which he says is the fastest he has seen since he began his international career in 1971.

"This team has a lot more speed than the teams of 1974 and '77," said Rooney. "Gary Cole, Peter Sharne, Tommy Cumming and Mark Jankovics are really quick, and having this pace makes the future of this team very bright.

"The game is getting faster all the time, especially at international level, and this means players have less space to work in.

"But speed can create space in a tight match, and fortunately the Australian team has this quality."

Rooney added that pace is particularly important against the nimble and swift teams produced by South Korea and other Asian nations.

"Australian teams have always had strength and height, which are also important qualities," said Rooney. "The South Koreans may not be physically as big and strong as Australian teams, but their speed allowed them to overcome their disadvantage."

"If Australia can match its opponents for pace, it will have an advantage because our teams have always matched opponents for aggression."

However, the Heidelberg Utd midfielder is quick to point out that this doesn't mean Australia will whitewash its opponents during the tour of Asia next month.

"The current squad will leave Australia as a mediocre side," said Rooney. "When we return the team will have some character, and that will be the main benefit of the tour."

"The results we get on tour won't be significant. The World Cup qualifying games are 1½ years away, and we can start worrying about results as those games get closer."

"Right now, Australia has an inexperienced national team, and the only way we can get experience is by touring and

playing games against top opposition."

Rooney said many people in Australia were worried by the results achieved by New Zealand and South Korea in recent internationals.

"I think you'll find New Zealand is at its peak right now," said Rooney. "They are getting some good results, but the important games aren't for 1½ years. I don't think New Zealand can maintain its form that long."

"South Korea, too, may well have reached its peak too soon. Australia, on the other hand, is just starting off. We have time to build up, and hopefully hit our peak at the right time — around the start of 1981."

Rooney, a wiley and durable character, isn't getting carried away with the Socceroos' win over the New York Cosmos.

"The boys will keep their heads about them," said Rooney. "We all realise the Cosmos game was a one-off affair, and the result doesn't count for too much. The team will not rest on its laurels, because we know the hard work is yet to come."

"Australia beat a team of world stars, but we shouldn't start praising ourselves. When we come back from this tour of Asia, we'll have a much better idea of how good this team is. But at the moment, I will not commit myself."

Rooney, a perky little Scotsman, has slipped back into the Australian team as though it's his second home. He talks as though he's never been away, which shows this man's professionalism.

Rooney has done a magnificent job for Australia in the past, and will continue to do so. He says he will be around in 1982, and would love to play in another World Cup finals series.

But, did he think his international career was finished when Rudi Gutendorf tried nearly every notable midfielder in the country, except Rooney?

"The thought that my international career was finished passed through my mind," said Rooney. "Rudi said he would rely on youth, and I had a feeling that could mean the end."

"But I knew Rudi would have to bring in someone to help the new boys. I thought it could be Peter

Wilson, Peter Stone or myself."

Rooney's hopes were further dented when Gutendorf called up experienced players like Wilson and Col Curran for the international against New Zealand in Auckland earlier this year, but ignored the Heidelberg midfielder.

"I wasn't really worried, because I was playing my best soccer in three years and knew I had a chance of getting in the national squad. On ability alone I knew I was in the running, and because I've played for Australia before, I've got experience, which was an added bonus," said Rooney.

"But I will not hear of people saying I'm only in the team because Rudi needs an old head. Age is no barrier. There are good players and bad players, and nothing else. I'm in on ability."

Rooney added he had no trouble in reaching and maintaining peak fitness.

"I'm 32, but that's only a figure. What matters is how I feel, and at the moment I reckon I will be able to play for the national team in 1982," said Rooney. "Some players quit when they are 27 or 28 because they can't keep up the pace."

"Likewise, I'll retire when I can't make it through a game, or when my love for the game disappears. However, the day those things happen is a long way off."

His good form this season was inspired by two coaches.

"Len McKendry helped



Jim Rooney in World Cup action against Iran.

Australian teams with the present team.

"It's very hard to assimilate the present with past teams," said Rooney. "The circumstances are very much different, and so I can't really say one team is better than another."

"However, the present team has a depth of talent and a lot of ability. In fact, there are players outside the squad who will put pressure on those in the team, so there are many good players around."

"This team has aggression with the likes of Tony Henderson, Cumming and Ken Boden, and plenty of pace."

Rooney said the 1974 Socceroos team had great discipline.

"There is not much good having ability without discipline," said Rooney. "The '74 team had a tremendous ability to chase and to pick up opponents, and to work very hard during a game."

"Hopefully, the present team will have the same qualities."

Rooney is the only survivor from the 1974 team which qualified Australia for the World Cup for the first time. He knew success when Australia was the underdog in '74; the humiliation of defeat in '77 when Australia was favorite, and now is shaping up for his third attempt, with the Socceroos facing make-or-break pressure.

Whatever the climate or circumstances, Rooney has always been in there, heart and legs pumping non-stop. Australia is hoping this man's sweat will once again lift the nation to the pinnacle.

Jimmy Rooney, on the ball for Heidelberg Utd.



Jimmy Rooney (right) in the colors of Marconi, is challenged by Joe Picioane of Footscray.

## IRANIAN RICHES

Iran has emerged as a rich source of soccer players since the revolution there caused a lull in the sport.

Sydney Olympic is the first club to tap the Iranian soccer well.

Having earlier recruited Karim Ghiassi, Olympic last week signed another Iranian international, midfielder Hosseini, however, won't be able to play until next season as the deadline for registration was June 31.

The classy midfielder has represented Iran 18 times. He arrived last Saturday week and is training with Olympic.

## OLD BOYS GO INTO BATTLE

Melbourne Soccer Club plans to run a cup competition for "old boys" teams on November 11.

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The back four were Brisbane City's stars this year. They are pictured from left: George Potter, Bill Wilkinson, Steve Perry and David Ratcliffe, with their coach Nereo Saftich.



Tommy Cumming did it all this year — he represented Australia and Victoria, won the Rothamans and Bill Fleming Medals and helped Croatia win the Victorian State League championship and Dockerty Cup.

1979 IN



The Victorian squad that notched victories over AEK Athens, Partizan B (coach), John Gardiner, Steve Short, Alan Davidson, Peter Laumets, Gary Picioane, Joe Trout, Jim Williams, Tommy Cumming.



Heidelberg United started to win regularly after it recruited goalscorer Jamie Paton from Slavia. Paton, pictured, scored 11 league goals.



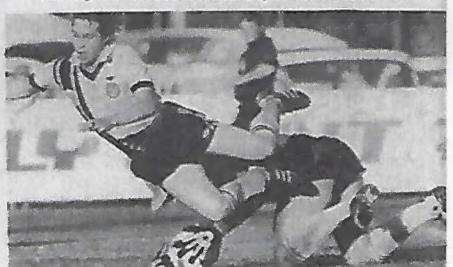
Two stars of Victorian State League club Frankston City, which faltered on the run home to the championship, Ged Bannon (left) and Alex Tulloch.



"Mr. Juventus," John Perin — the former Socceroo midfielder played much of the season as sweeper for Adelaide City.



Croatia and Makedonia were the keenest rivals in the Victorian State League. Standing, from left: Ray Cumming, Carl Gilder, Steve Beech, Ljube Petrovski, Stewart Cumming.



Heidelberg Utd's John Yzendoorn falls as goalkeeper Kim Wishart of Brisbane City pounces to pick up the ball.



Bobby Russell confronts a dog during the Philips Cup final between Adelaide City and St. George. City won 3-2.



Marconi's captain Ivo Prakalo is carried off on a stretcher during the match against Heidelberg at Olympic Park, after being injured in a clash with Gary Cole. The players seeing him off are Eddie Kmecic (rear, left) and Mike Berry. Prakalo won the "Soccer Action" - Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award.



Western Suburbs — Victoria's new State League club, having won promotion from First Division. Standing, from left: Ray Pocock (coach), David Joe Kiss, Jim Daperis, Ian McCarthy, Andy Czepnik, Jim Condilis. Front: George Theocheridis, Jim Kyriopoulos, Mimi Papeiouannou, Mike Glykis, Steve Moore, Greg Daglis.

# PICTURES



Here and South Australia this year. Standing from left: Len McKendry, Carl Gilder, Steve Kokoska, Yalka Banovic, Jim Tansey. Front: Joe Jamie Paton, John Yzendoorn, Jimmy Rooney.



Here's a scene from their State League Cup clash, from left: Tommy, Boris Paleka, Steve Kokoska, Eric Lesbirel and Gordon Flavelle.



Kevin Low was one of the reasons that Brisbane City did so well this year. Here he is after scoring one of his many league goals, congratulated by Barry Kelso (right).



High spirits at the George Cross table during the Victorian Rothmans medal dinner, from left: Charlie Cutajar, Jim Pepere, Tony Cestello, Tony Cowan, Norm Maitland and Albert Merrills.



Col Curran (right) of Newcastle KB United arrives too late to prevent Brisbane City's Kevin Low from shooting at goal.



Mendo Ristovski (front) does battle with Brisbane Lions' Jim Hermiston. Ristovski, then of Footscray J.U.S.T., switched to South Melbourne Hellas late in the season.



Jim Kondaros, leaps for a defensive header against APIA. Others, from left: Rosario Rampanti (background), Mirko Rujovic (No. 8) and Peter Wilson.



Alun Evans of South Melbourne gets up aggressively to head over Brisbane City's Steve Perry.



Youth international Alan Davidson takes a shot that causes team mate George Campbell to duck for cover.

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# CROATIA BATTLES AS BROWN AND PONGHO DIG IN

**CROATIA 1**  
**CROYDON 0**

State League Cup top four series, third round

Scorer: Gilder 70th min

Ground: Olympic Park

Attendance: 4200 (double-headed)

Referee: Bob Henderson 6

Rating:

**ESSENDON CROATIA:**  
Blasby 6 - Short 6, Kokoska 7,  
Gardiner 8, Bilaver 6 - Adams 6, Andrews 7, Murphy 7 -  
Cumming 6, Gilder 8, Barinovic 5 (Culina 82nd min).

**CROYDON CITY:** Edwards 6 - Brown 7, Pongho 5,  
McCombe 6, Holman 6 - Spink 6, Blasby 6.5, Loughnane 6,  
Priestley 5 (McKinlay 50th min), Trout 7, Wyllie 8.

Despite some stout defending by Mark Brown and Alan Pongho, Croydon City was unable to withstand Essendon Croatia's second half onslaught.

During the second 45 minutes, Croatia attacked relentlessly, although struggling to penetrate the Croydon rearguard, and managed to score the decisive goal in the 70th minute.

The goal came after a John Gardner free kick from near the corner flag allowed striker Carl Gilder to leap above a pack of players to head the ball home.

Croatia had to win the game to qualify for the State League Cup final, whereas Croydon needed only a draw.

The Essendon team achieved the result it desired, but had to work hard against the makeshift Croydon team, which was without key midfielders Charlie Murphy and Duncan Smith.

Croatia kept possession for long periods, and had many players moving into attacking positions. However, the team created few clear cut chances, despite the attacking play.

Lack of width in attack was one fault of Croatia. Ned Batovic was regularly dropped on one flank, and eventually replaced by Branko Culina, and Tommy Cumming took over.

Cumming tended to wander too deep to be an effective winger, and made few penetrating moves when coming from behind. If he had played as an out-and-out winger, Croatia may have benefited because the wee dynamo had the pace to get past Croydon full back Gary Hobson.

Essendon concentrated on going through the middle, where Gilder worried the Croydon defence with his sharp turns and ability to shrug off challenges. Gilder played very well in attack, but

could have done with more support.

Keith Adams had only an average game, and Ken Murphy, while contributing to build ups, made few of the forward thrusts that make him so dangerous. Howard Andrews was perhaps the best midfielder in the Essendon team.

Despite this criticism, Croatia deserved to win the game because of the effort it put into attacking, and how it pinned Croydon down after the first 20 minutes.

Croydon had a chance to win the match in the opening period when Joe Trout and Jim Wyllie roamed into open spaces on the forward line, and exposed the Croatia defence.

Trout was playing as a central striker, and Wyllie as a deep-lying winger. Trout worked to move off his marker when Croydon attacked, which left space for Paul Priestley and Peter Loughnane.

At the same time, Trout was a valuable target for Croydon to aim for as he broke out of defence. Wyllie created a lot of room for himself early in the game by drifting back along the left flank. On most occasions, Croatia right back Steve Short didn't follow him into the Croydon half for fear of leaving his position exposed.

Wyllie picked up many loose balls, and was a dangerous player with skillful dribbling.

However, the Croydon forward line didn't have the strength to combat Steve 'Butch' Kokoska. As the game went on, Kokoska became more of a dominating figure in the Croatia defence.

He lost perhaps one ball in the air all day, and was solid and decisive when tackling. Croydon had no one tall enough to worry him, especially when centre forward Dave Brogan spent a lot of his time in midfield to cover the loss of Murphy and Smith.

Croydon captain Norm Hulme tried to overcome the deficiency in midfield by instructing Wyllie, Loughnane and Brogan to fall back and help out with defensive duties.

This tactic worked to a degree, as Jimmy Spink played a defensive role in midfield, which gave Croydon some stability in this department.

Croydon's attacking movements were restricted severely after the first 20 minutes. The Croatia defence tightened up, and Croydon was forced to pull men back to absorb the pressure.

This meant Croydon had sometimes only two players up front, and they were always out-numbered and unable to construct moves.

Croydon goalkeeper Mick Edwards had a shaky game, having great difficulty handling backpasses from team mates. Captain Steve McCombe started badly against Gilder, but persevered and was always around when the going was tough.

Pongho came from start to finish for Croydon. He covered his team mates comprehensively, and was on hand to make some vital challenges when Croatia looked menacing.

The only black mark on this otherwise entertaining and up-tempo game was the tackling of one Croatia player. I will not name him, but his challenges were often crude and a discredit to himself and his club.

Croydon's first chance of the game came when a lob by Priestley saw Trout running free. He changed direction, and aimed a curling shot for the corner of the goal, but Peter Blasby read Trout's mind and moved in the right direction to cover the shot.

Soon after, a dipping shot by Loughnane brought a goal save from Blasby, and not long after Loughnane was to get the two best chances of the game.

Trout worked his way down the left after interchanging passes with Wyllie, and hit a precise cross into the box. Loughnane made ground from the right, and was positioned perfectly to meet the cross.

He had no challenge from Croatia defenders, but steered his header wide of the post from seven metres with the goal at his mercy.

Five minutes later, and the long through ball caught the Croatia defence square and appealing for an offside flag which wasn't to appear. Loughnane raced through on his own, and rounded Blasby.

However, he was pushed onto his left foot and decided to pivot and shoot towards the open goal with his right foot. The delay was costly, Kokoska

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Anyone for dancing? Howard Andrews of Croatia (right) and Joe Trout of Croydon (centre) take a swing at the ball watched by Branko Culina of Croatia.

raced in to pressure him, and Loughnane hurried his shot, which trickled past the far post.

Croatia had a chance to score when an error by McCombe allowed Gilder to find space inside the box. His low shot was saved by Edwards.

However, the Croatia defence weathered the Croydon storm, with Gardiner again the steady influence. Croatia came back into the game before half time, but it wasn't until after the interval that the pressure was increased.

A long clearance caught the Croydon defence, and Hobson was forced into an error under pressure from Cumming, who wriggled free and shot just past the post.

The game developed into a confrontation between the desperate Croydon backmen, and the equally as desperate Croatia forwards. Croydon did well to absorb a fair amount of pressure, despite the fact that Cumming hit the bar and Gilder went close with a header.

Croatia scored the vital goal, which put the pressure on Croydon to adopt offensive tactics to save the game. Croatia, however, steadied things down and looked set to run out easy winners.

This would have been the case had Croydon mounted a valiant, last-ditch comeback which nearly saw the eastern suburbs team steal the game.

In the 85th minute, Spink made a run deep into the Croatia defence and slipped the ball to Loughnane, but his cross was wild and wasted a promising attack.

Again Spink carried the ball forward, and Hobson was forced into an error under pressure from Cumming, who wriggled free and shot just past the post.

Croydon still had something to offer. Brogan fired a hard shot into a ruck of players, and from the rebound, Trout lashed a shot goalwards. However, Blasby flung himself headlong to parry the shot.

The result was a corner, and Loughnane struck it to the far post. McCombe's challenge forced Blasby to spill the ball to substitute Harry McKinlay.

Only eight metres out, McKinlay spooned his volley over the bar and Croydon's chances down the drain. - By:

KYLE PATTERSON



Preston's Gary Ward cracks a shot at goal during the game against Frankston City. Ward is watched by referee Evan Venios (right) and Jeff Faulkner.

## Morwell to host Italian Cup

The Italian Cup goes to Morwell this Sunday when two preliminary round games will be played at the home ground of Victorian Metropolitan League Morwell Falcons.

Games scheduled for Morwell are: 2 pm Morwell v Yarraluen, 3.45 pm, Juventus v Thomastown.

This Saturday (November 3) the following games will be played at the home ground of Thomastown: 1.30 pm Essendon City v Batman 3 pm, Latrobe City v Moonee Ponds 4.30 pm, Regent v Nunawading 6 pm. Ascot Vale v Central Brunswick.

Results from the opening round of the Italian Cup were: Fawke 0 Vermont 0, Thomastown 4 Shepparton South 0, East Brunswick 2, East Carlton 1, Tatura 2, Bulleen 1.

## ARDEER LOSES BALLARAT CUP

Victorian Metropolitan League club Ardeer was leading 2-0 in the final of the Ballarat Kosciusko Cup last weekend, but eventually lost 3-4 to Creswick.

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### He's 'King'

Ray King, formerly of Altona City and Footscray J.U.S.T., has won the Victorian Industrial League's Player of the Year award. The award is sponsored by Tarax.

### Willie best

Midfielder Willie Vassallo has won the Green Gully Ajax best and fairest player award.

Vassallo is a former captain of the Maltese national team.

Ardeer defeated Forest Rangers 4-1 in the elimination round with goals by O'Connor (2), Adam Oboobalski and Wally Garroway.

In the semi-final, Ardeer drew 1-1 with Ballarat A' with a goal by Chris Glowacki. The match went to penalties, and Ardeer's Peter Borucinski spot kick beat the teams.

Ardeer plays host to Kyneton this Sunday. The Kyneton seniors will play Ardeer seniors at 3 pm at Helen St Rd.

serve, with the curtain raiser at 1 pm being a game between the under 12 teams of both clubs.

The last Ardeer dance for 1979 will be run this Saturday

November 3) at the New Polish Hall, Helene St, Sunshine, starting 7.30 pm.

The squad of players that represented Ardeer in Ballarat was: O'Connor, Borucinski, Henry Gondek, Haveaux,

Garroway, Oboobalski, Stan Manscuk and Glowacki.

## District Cup to Central

Central City scored a great

3-1 victory over Third Division

rivals West Brunswick to win

the District League Cup final

at Anderson Reserve last Sunday.

The match was hard fought, with some strong tackling. West Brunswick had the best of midfield play, with Rodriguez and LaGreca making some useful openings for their wingers, Chiappetti and Bilotto. But the Central City full backs, Tom Vasilou and Nick Theodorou, received the necessary cover from Miller and Gregory to contain them.

The Central City forward line was achieving more penetration, even though the City midfield was not dominating. Andy Evirpidou was doing a lion hearted job for Central City midfield, supported by Kocoumou.

Costa Chisanthou followed a high through ball and when the West Brunswick goalie failed to gather the bouncing ball, Costa headed it home courageously.

Some well-taken free kicks and corners by Vasilou put pressure on the West defence, which allowed the City wingers, Mike Ioannou and Chris Ioannides, to seize the initiative as they cut inside their full backs.

Chris Ioannides collected a back pass on the edge of the penalty area and curled his shot inside the upright. Minutes later Andy Evirpidou with a well-timed run attack down the right wing, switched the play with a deep centre which was gloriously headed by Mike Ioannou as he soared above two defenders, sending the ball inside the far post.

West Brunswick began the second half with iron determination and Sileira made his presence felt.

Some solid work by the West's wingers produced results down the left when Chiappetti scored with a fine shot on an acute angle.



# Dr Walker diagnoses soccer's ailments and prescribes his cure

One of Australia's most experienced soccer administrators, Dr Charles Walker, spoke out this week on the big issues facing the sport in the 1980s.

His verdict is that soccer is heading in too many wrong directions but he offers new avenues which he believes will return soccer to the position of power it held in the early sixties.

Dr Walker, 73, is a patron of the Victorian Soccer Federation and for 10 years has been a member of its Appeals Board.

A former soccer player, boxer, middle distance runner, rugby, ice hockey and handball player in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Italy, Dr Walker was president of Victorian club Polonia for 13 years.

He was an official of the Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association and of the Australian Association but withdrew when the historic 'split' led to the extinction of the associations and their replacement by new federations.

Dr Walker often served as team doctor with the Victorian side and the Socceroos when they played in Melbourne.

And it was Dr Walker who established the link with the Polish Olympic Committee, which led to international players like Vic Janczyk, Eddie Zientara and Eddie Jankowski, coming to Australia to play for Polonia.

Dr Walker has always been a sportsman in the most lofty meaning of the word. The development of a healthy mind and body through sport and the comradeship that goes with it have always been his main concerns.

One of the reasons he withdrew at the time of the split was that he believed some of the new people entering the game were not true sportsmen. He once went to the extreme of exclaiming, "You are a bunch of Al Capones."

"Sport is something you are born with. It is in your blood, but some of these people didn't know the meaning of the word," he said.

Dr Walker saw soccer grow from a paddock sport into a rousing spectacle that drew up to 20,000 people in the early sixties, and he saw the numbers shrink back to mere hundreds.

We sought his opinions on the reasons and the remedies, for this is a man whose views are respected.

"I've talked to various people to try to find out why there has been such a noticeable drop in attendances over the years. Some said, migrants now have other interests - their mortgages, their cars and washing machines. Others talked about the drop in the standard of the game.

"What I've noticed myself is that the base of the sport has expanded tremendously. There are, I believe, about 2000 junior clubs alone. The people interested in the game are flying fast and wide, so support for games in the top leagues is diluted.

"Yet, with all the juniors we have, there does not seem to be sufficient continuation between junior and senior soccer.

"One would expect five to ten percent of juniors to go through to the top in senior soccer but I don't think this has been the case.

"The ASF obviously wants to expand the interest and involvement in soccer. In its wisdom, it has

decided that the way to do so is:

"Firstly, by abolishing ethnic names, secondly, by restricting the number of imported players and thirdly, by concentrating on getting the Australian team into the World Cup finals."

Dr Walker sees little hope of success in the first and third strategies and believes the second avenue of attack must be modified.

On ethnic names, he says: "I can't see any way that a switch to district names will push the game forward and make it 'Australian'."

However, he added that Australian soccer needs the stimulation which has been provided over the years by giants like Dixie Deans, Malcolm Macdonald, Martin Peters, Vic Janczyk, Tony and Lolly Vella, Mike de Bruyckere, Ivan Pilk, Vero Mladenovic, Leo Baumgartner, Herbert Ninas, Con Nestoridis, Mario Corti, Willi Schiroff and the other stars

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Dixie Deans of Adelaide City - we must continue importing players of his calibre, says Dr Walker.



Malcolm Fraser, in Canberra City shirt, admires the heading skill of Johnny Warren. Soccer officials should do more to lobby Mr Fraser and other influential people to get a better deal for the sport, says Dr Walker.

who helped lift Australian soccer into the limelight.

"As long as our local boys can't match that standard, we will continue to struggle," Dr. Walker said.

"And if we do without imports, the standard will not go up. Therefore, interest in the game would not increase."

"Soccer started to live when ethnic clubs were introduced in 1949, in the lower divisions.

"Juventus and J.U.S.T. were born about that time, and Polonia came a year later.

"These clubs started a new era in soccer. Market gardeners from Werribee would travel to Melbourne in their trucks to watch Juventus. Crowds grew steadily.

"Then came Wilhelmina Slavia, George Cross and the others, and they helped stir up interest to such an extent that crowds swelled to up to 20,000 at times.

"Changing these names will do nothing for soccer."

"One argument is that district names would be easier to 'sell' to the big companies and to the marketing men. However, I would say that a big company - Rothmans for

Rasic talk to players. As a former player myself, I know that a lot of what a coach says goes in one ear and out the other, but with Rasic, the players hung on every word he said.

"Then came two coaches who weren't in Rasic's class and who produced nothing.

"Now we have a new coach again. We are spending a lot of money on him and on the World Cup campaign - much more than we spent in Rasic's time. 'Can't the money be used for a better purpose?'

"As the moment, children are being coached by ambitious parents who are having a bad influence on the youngsters, with their win-at-all costs attitude. Children must be taught that soccer is sport and that the joy of participation is more important than whether you win or lose."

"So the money now spent on the World Cup should be put into full-time junior coaches employed by the ASF. This would do much more good than throwing the money away on trying to get to the finals of a tournament we have no hope of winning anyway."

"We had an excellent coach in those days - Rale Rasic, who achieved tremendous success. I saw

And how does Dr Walker see the current state of the Philips League, and its future?

"It's a good competition," he said, "but with few exceptions, the clubs are broke and there's no way they can catch up with their financial obligations on gate takings alone."

"This applies not only to the 'smaller' States but also to NSW and its poker machines. Why? Unrealistic payment to players is one reason but even more important, there does not seem to be a firm policy by which the league operates."

"The relegation-promotion issue is one example. It is illogical to throw out a well-established club like Olympic which has probably the strongest potential support in Sydney and bring in a club like Blacktown, which has virtually no support. Even in the State League, Blacktown is not a leading club. Woolongong would have been a better choice."

"But more important, promotion and relegation must be brought into line with regular soccer practice as soon as possible."

"This means that the bottom two go down and



Dr Charles Walker.

the top two go up on sporting merit alone. Any club that thinks it can't afford to go up, could simply decline."

Dr. Walker fears that Sydney's big social clubs eventually will stop subsidising their soccer teams.

"Two years ago I went with the former Wilhelmina player, Bill Westerveld, to the Hakoah social club in Bondi, where I met the treasurer. He told me that he thought Hakoah would pull its team out of top soccer because it was more important to pay off the social club building than to throw money away on a tram that gets nothing back through the gate."

Dr. Walker said it was important for the PSL to cut its air fares by splitting up into two regions - north and south, or east and west, as is done in the U.S.

There would be two championship competitions, with the two or four leaders from each group advancing to a play-off series at the end of the year.

"Now, what I am about to suggest next may attract heavy opposition from the federations," Dr. Walker warned, warming to his pet subject.

"The suggestion is that we revive the international competition that was so successful in Victoria in the fifties and sixties."

In this competition, players from various clubs were chosen for "national" representative teams. Thus, the competition would feature England, Scotland, Germany, Poland, Australia, Italy, Greece, and so on.

"It was tremendously successful," Dr. Walker recalled. "The crowds were huge."

"I'm sure the people would come back if we revived it. It is the only local competition which would be sure to make money."

"Some will say that it would cause friction between nationalities but to them I say that in all the time I was chairman of the competition, we did not have a single disciplinary case - and the competition ran for 12 years."

"The Federation, when it was formed, discarded it because it was intent on destroying whatever the Association had built up."

"I would revive the series with eight teams initially."

"The most important team would, of course, be Australia. It would comprise only players born here."

"The other teams could be chosen from among England, Scotland, Greece, Italy, Yugoslavia, Ireland, Holland, Croatia, Germany, Makedonia, Poland etc. etc."

"This would extend the season of course, but that problem could be solved simply by scrapping the top four competition, which is of no value anyway. It is simply a copy from Australian Rules. In soccer the league champion is the best team. That's the way it has always been."

Dr Walker spoke briefly about soccer's need for greater Press coverage.

"An experienced journalist, Jack Dunne, told me once that the Press deserved most of the credit for having built Australian Rules football into the giant sport it is today. He was right."

"Soccer needs at least part of the type of publicity that is given to Australian Rules."

"We also need television coverage."

"The ABC costs each taxpayer about \$130 a year, so we are in a position to apply pressure on the ABC to look after the many migrants who form a large percentage of the taxpayers. I believe 20 percent of all people in Australia were born overseas."

"The ABC must be made to understand that there are 450,000 registered soccer players in this country. If you add their families, we have at least 1.2 million people with a direct interest in the sport."

"What's the good if you have people like Malcolm Fraser at soccer functions if you don't take the opportunity to apply a little pressure? We must demand support and we must provide the figures to back us up."

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# 12 vie for shield

Victorian State League clubs Sunshine, Slavia and Altona, as well as newly-promoted Western Suburbs are among the 12 clubs that will contest the Sunbury Shield competition at Langama Park, Sunbury, on Saturday.

**Fixtures:** GROUP A: Sunbury United v Broadmeadow 11.00, Sunshine City v Broadmeadows 12.20, Sunshine City v. Sunbury United 1.40.

GROUP B: Prahran Slavia v. Waverley City 11.00, Sandringham City v. Sandringham City 12.20, Prahran Slavia 1.40.

GROUP C: Altona City v. Melton 11.40, Melton v. Doncaster Rovers 1.00, Doncaster Rovers v. Altona City 2.20.

GROUP D: Western

## Knox adds the Cup

They finished runners-up in the J.L.M.C. Cup, losing to Rossana in the final, but they did win the inaugural William Bowles Trophy at Mooroolbark.

As well as the team's success this year, Gary McDaid, Tony Owen, David Roddis, Reno Lia and Kirk

Seniors also had individual success, being selected to the Victorian U14 squad which won the Australian Championship in Whylla, Tony was elected player of the Tournament.

Team photo: Back: Graham Roddis (manager), Bryan Williams, Kirk Senior, Richard Nixon, Frank Gere, David Roddis, Gary McDaid, Angelo Lia (coach). Front: Mark Schroeder, Mark Bakker, Paul Bagics, Tony Owen, Peter Mattern, Reno Lia, missing from the photograph is Darren Jackson.

### Reply to Collins

SIR — Who is Mr P. Collins, MLA, to lash out in such a way

at the ASF who are the elected

representatives of soccer, as

is he of his club?

I can ask what he has done

for the sport in his few years

in soccer or in the State

League of power? What has

he, and indeed his club, done

for soccer in the areas in

which he castigates the ASF

and individuals?

I seem to remember Mr Collins' club in the distant past

winning the Australian Cup.

They had little support then

and have less now, so who is he

to talk of spectator support? I

think it begins at club level.

Mr Collins, especially given

the media which gives the

game coverage, not even interna-

tional teams and personali-

ties. If his club and others

had gone out to the developing

areas, maybe they might have

helped soccer.

What class of player has the

top clubs brought out from the

big world of soccer? Few of

any class, and what of the

coaches, Mr Collins?

The top clubs' only objective

has been to win the local com-

petitions rather than promote

and develop soccer at junior

level for the past two or three

decades.

We have our share of junior

talent which hasn't been en-

couraged enough, nor enough

money spent on developing

that talent. The State Minister

isn't generous and what

happens to the VSF profits?

How much is ploughed back

into development and how

much goes to the top clubs?

How many local boys over

the past two decades have the

Slavians of this state developed

and brought into senior socer

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How many coaches of qual-

ity have been brought into the

game to help in this important

and urgent aspect of the game

which could raise the standard

of play and increase spectator

appeal?

Some people might wrongly

construe Peter Collins' views

as publicity for the VSF presi-

dency and it might rebound

against him and that might be

bad for soccer.

My suggestion to Mr Peter

Collins and others to fight the

real anti-soccer people who

are determined to try to keep

the sport of soccer in a very

minor role in the sporting

community.

T. Edgar,  
Springvale, Vic.

### Change system

SIR — I wish to point out a serious anomaly in the Philips League ladder which was brought about as a result of the bonus points system.

I refer to the position of West Adelaide and APIA, which were placed 7th and 8th on the ladder as follows:

7th West Adelaide	8th APIA
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Yakka Banovic

Eddie Krnceanic

## Banovic, Krnceanic deals not finalised

The Australian national team's tour of China is playing havoc with Essendon Croatia's plans to finalise the transfer of Yakka Banovic and Eddie Krnceanic.

Croatia is supposed to play Philips League giants Marconi and Heidelberg Utd to fulfil contractual obligations. The problem is that these three clubs supply nine of the 20 players in the national squad, which leaves for China on November 7.

Only one game is certain — Croatia v Heidelberg on November 11 at Olympic Park, kick off 3 pm. All gate receipts from this game will go to Heidelberg, which bought goalkeeper Banovic from Croatia early this season.

Heidelberg paid \$15,000 and added goalkeeper Peter Blashy in return for Banovic, the spectacular Victorian team star.

Jimmy Rooney, Gary Cole, Jim Tansey (Heidelberg), and Tommy Cumming (Croatia) will miss that game, as they will be with the Socceroos.

The complicated transfer of Krnceanic to Marconi will not be completed until a second game is played between the two clubs. In the first 'catch' game, played in Sydney early this season, Marconi won 7-0.

However, the second game will have to wait until 1980.

Marconi has five players — Peter Sharpe, Mark Kankovic, Tony Henderson, Eddie Krnceanic and Ivo Prskalo — in the national squad.

The Krnceanic deal is one of the most complicated on record. Croatia's shrewd manager Frank Burin made sure Croatia still had a hold on the young striker when he joined Marconi.

So much so, that if Krnceanic wants to transfer to South Melbourne, as is rumoured, he will have to transfer back to Croatia first. Croatia can buy Krnceanic back for \$9,000 if the player decides to leave Marconi, and get the club's consent. — KYLE PATTERSON.

## VSF RULE 'UNJUST'

Victorian player Carlo Graser has hit out against a Federation ruling that effectively bans him from soccer for six months.

Graser, of District League club Bulleen, is unable to play in the Italian Cup competition because he was sent off in the last league match of the 1979 season.

The VSF has told tournament organisers that Graser is ineligible because of the send-off.

However, the games he misses in the Italian Cup will not be deducted from his two-week suspension.

He will have to serve the two weeks when the league season starts next April.

In the meantime, he can play in no matches under the official sanction of the VSF.

"I'd be prepared to serve a two-match suspension in the Italian Cup and another two matches in the league, but I can't even do that," Graser said this week.

"Players can be sent off and suspended during the Italian Cup, yet the Cup games cannot be used to serve out a suspension. It is completely unfair."

The suspension is Graser's first in 11 years of soccer with Bulleen, Fawkner and Juventus. He has won three best and fairest awards with Bulleen. — LAURIE SCHWAB

### SYDNEY CITY 1 BRISBANE CITY 0

Scorer: Marcus Silva 78th min.

Ground: Wentworth Park.

Crowd: 2532.

Referee: Ken Allen 6.

Caution: Ratcliffe, Kelso.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 8,

Mullen 8, O'Connor 7, Thomson 7, Bruce 7, Souness 7,

Stevenson 6, Kershaw 6

(Marcus Silva 6, 53rd min),

Watson 7, Barnes 8, Hilton 8.

Subs: —

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart

8, Perry 7, Coyne 7, Ratcliffe

7, Wilkinson 7, Pimblett 6,

Echeverria 6 (Brusasco 62nd)

— (Caldwell 80th), Gaffney 7,

Low 6, Kelso 7, Campbell 6.

There was very

little to cheer about

as Brisbane City and Sydney City ambled

through the first leg of

the PSL Grand

Final with a lot of

passion to succeed,

but very little ideas

and planning.

In fact, the first half of this game was a replica of last week's encounter between Sydney City and Marconi, with Sydney City having ascendancy on this occasion.

With Murray Barnes in the central striking posi-

Alex Vesic



tion, Sydney City's midfield lacked in fire and penetration and much of the attacking was done through some good running by the fullbacks, Kevin Mullen and Ian Bruce. However, most of the breaks created by Mullen or Bruce invariably finished with a long looping cross into the area that was easily despatched by the tall Brisbane City defence.

For about 20 minutes in the first half the game sawed around the centre of the pitch, then suddenly came an unexpected change for Brisbane. Barry Kelso decided to try his luck from outside the box, aiming for the bottom left hand corner and Todd Clarke failed to hold the slippery ball. Kevin Low pounced, but blasted over the bar from only five metres out!

Almost immediately, the home side had its first opportunity. Hilton Silva's cross was headed away by a defender, but only to the feet of the onrushing John Stevenson, who blasted it high and wide from only 12 metres out.

Minutes later, Kim Wishart was called upon to make a great save from a thunderbolt by Ian Bruce.

With the end of the first half approaching, Sydney City created a couple of chances that could have changed this game. In the 32nd minute, Allan Ker-

shaw missed the ball inches from goal after a great low cross by Watson. Six minutes later, Barnes rose above the Brisbane City defence to head towards Kershaw, who in turn headed for Ian Souness to backheel the ball past Wishart and the upright.

Marcus Silva replaced Kershaw in the 50th minute, and then Brisbane City made its change by pulling out the injured Roberto Echeverria and replacing him with Mark Brusasco.

These changes did very little to improve the standard of this match, which was full of over-enthusiastic tackles, pushing, yelling and a lot of backchatting that was unchecked by Mr Allen. I am quite sure that Echeverria never stopped talking for the full 62 minutes spent on the park and most of what he said was directed at the referee, but he managed to escape without a single warning. The same could be said for a number of players on both sides.

With the game fast approaching the end, an incident on the sideline which involved Bobby Campbell and Eddie Thomson created a diversion that was at least entertaining although one might be tempted to call it "ungentlemanly conduct". Thomson attempted to rake the ball away from Campbell and in the process took Campbell's legs also, which prompted the ever alert Allen to give the visitors a free kick.

Annoyed with the action of Thomson, Campbell jumped to his feet, grabbed Thomson by the neck, then planted a great big kiss on the lips of the be-

mused Sydney City defender!

While the crowd had its little chuckle, a slightly annoyed Thomson staggered back towards his goal with the man in the middle, Mr Allen, sporting a great big grin on his face, totally enjoying the whole scene.

Was it ungentlemanly conduct?

Yes, but certainly not worth a yellow card.

Only a minute later, the home team struck. Mullen found Ian Bruce on the left flank with a great cross field pass and the City fullback had a lot of space to run into. He took a few strides before crossing to the near post for Marcus

Silva to flick the ball past Wishart and give the home side the long awaited advantage for the return game in Brisbane.

Almost from the kick off, the visitors had a glorious opportunity to snatch an equaliser. Brusasco ran well to latch onto a through ball and face Clarke, but his shot went high over the bar with Clarke stranded and the goal open wide for the taking.

Brusasco was immediately replaced by Kevin Caldwell, but far too late to alter the scoreline. Sydney City now must defend its slender lead in Brisbane.



John Coyne (left) of Brisbane City beats Adelaide City's Garry Marocchi in the air.

## CONCORD WINS CUP

Concord won the South American Cup tournament organised by South Dandenong Club, at St Andrews Reserve in South Dandenong at the weekend.

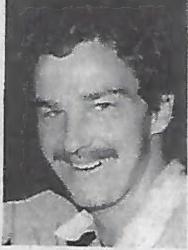
Competing teams were: West Melbourne, Hotham United, Yarralumla, Murrumbeena, Concorde, Bosch, South Dandenong and Balwyn City.

Results: Murrumbeena 1 West Melbourne 4; Bosch 2 Balwyn City 0; Hotham Un 0 Concord 0 (Concorde won on penalties 4-1); South Dandenong 2 (Yarralumla 1, Concorde 3 West Melbourne 2; South Dandenong 1 Bosch 2; Final: Concorde 1 Bosch 0.

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# TOP 4 CHAMPIONSHIP

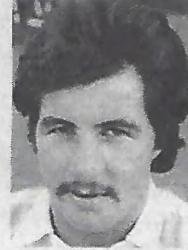
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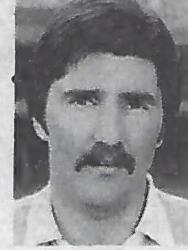
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